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SUBJ: MAJOR PROJECT: SULIA RAILROAD DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

1. PROJECT NAME: ZULIA RAILROAD, CORPOZULIA PROJECT;  
MARACAIBO, ZULIA STATE.

2. BRIEF DESCRIPTION: THE VENEZUELAN REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION, CORPOZULIA, IS IN CHARGE OF PROGRAM TO DEVELOP A MULTIBILLION DOLLAR COAL AND STEEL COMPLEX FOR THE REGION. CORPOZULIA HAS NOW DETERMINED THAT A SHORT-HAUL RAILROAD OF APPROXIMATELY 80 KILOMETERS IS NECESSARY TO BRING THE COAL FROM THE FIELDS TO MARACAIBO PORT AND STEEL MAKING FACILITIES.

3. EXECUTING AGENCY/PROJECT MANAGER: RAILROAD IS JOINT PROJECT OF THE NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF RAILWAYS AND CORPOZULIA.

INQUIRIES SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO:

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CORPORACION DE DESARROLLO DE LA REGION  
ZULIANA (CORPOZULIA)  
EDIFICIO CAJA POPULAR DE OCCIDENTE  
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MARACAIBO, ESTADO ZULIA, VENEZUELA  
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4. STATUS OF PROJECT/BID DATES: NO PREFEASIBILITY STUDY IS  
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BEING DONE. CURRENTLY, TOPOGRAPHICAL STUDIES ARE BEING DONE

BY AIR BY A VENEZUELAN FIRM. TRANARG. COMPLETION OF THIS PHASE EXPECTED DEC/JAN. "EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST" ON FEASIBILITY STUDY WILL BE INVITED IN FEBRUARY/MARCH, 1977. ABOUT MAY, SELECTION WILL BE MADE OF FIRM TO DO STUDY ON ROUTE AND EQUIPMENT. CONSTRUCTION OF RAILROAD IS SCHEDULED TO BEGIN IN LATE 1977.

5. ESTIMATED PROJECT COST/FOREIGN CONTENT: N/A.

6. COMPETITIVE FACTORS: PARTICIPATION IN PROJECT WILL BE LIMITED TO "NATIONAL" FIRMS, BUT CONSORTIA WHICH INCLUDE VENEZUELAN PARTNERS WILL BE ADMITTED. INTERESTED US FIRMS SHOULD THEREFORE CONTACT LOCAL VENEZUELAN CONSULTING FIRMS ASAP TO DISCUSS JOINT PARTICIPATION.

7. INFORMATION OBTAINED FROM JAMES CASON, US CONSUL, MARACAIBO. INTERESTED US FIRMS ARE ENCOURAGED TO CONTACT MR. CASON WHEN IN MARACAIBO TO DETERMINE CURRENT STATUS OF THIS AND OTHER CORPOZULIA PROJECTS.

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